**Nombre: Clase:**

MOVIE GUIDE:

**GOAL! The Dream Begins**

1. What conclusions can you draw about Santiago’s daily life from the first 5 minutes of the film? Describe his work, his family, his home, and anything else that you think helps us to understand his world.
2. Why do you think it’s so difficult for Santiago and his family to get ahead? Are they living the “American Dream?” List as many reasons as you can.
3. How does Santiago get “discovered”?
4. Does his father seem supportive of Santiago’s idea to play soccer professionally? Why or why not?
5. Why doesn’t the agent show up at his game? How does Glen Foy try to help him?
6. What do you think are the biggest obstacles for Santiago to get to England? (you can make some guesses here as well as facts)
7. How does Santiago’s father interfere with his plans to buy a plane ticket to England?
8. Explain the conflict between Santiago and his father, who do you think is right?
9. Who finally steps in to help Santiago realize his dream? How will he accomplish it?
10. Describe Santiago’s arrival in England? Who meets him there? Where will he stay? What is Glen’s plan?
11. Why is the team’s manager so upset with Gavin Harris? Do you think this helps or hurts Santiago’s chances of a tryout?
12. How does the tryout go for Santiago? What do you think might have made a difference?
13. Do you agree with Santiago’s father’s philosophy about life?
14. How does Santiago get a second chance to try out with the team?
15. Why do you think he lies to the nurse about his asthma condition?
16. What does Santiago discover about Glen Foy? Is he surprised?
17. What important lesson does the Manager teach Santiago? Why do you think it has been a hard lesson for him to learn?
18. What happens on game day to ruin Santiago’s performance?
19. What does the trainer tell Santiago before he lets him go?

20.Who stands up for Santiago this time? Why do think the Manager listens?

21. Why doesn’t Santiago seem to know anything about treating asthma?

22. Where does Santiago’s father go to watch the game? How do the other spectators treat him?

23. What kinds of difficult situations does Santiago find himself getting into now that he is famous?

24. How does his manager react to the photo in the newspaper? How does this become a huge conflict for Santiago?

25. What happened to his team-mate Jamie? What does Santiago realize as he is talking with his friend?

26. Explain the argument between Gavin Harris and Santiago. Who do you think is right? Why?

27. Describe what happens to Santiago’s father. How does Santiago react? What changes his mind?

28. How does Gavin Harris atone for his mistake at the night-club? What advice does the coach give him back? Do you think he is capable of changing his behavior for the better?

29. How does Santiago learn that his father had seen him play? Do you think knowing that was helpful to him in the last game?

PARA PENSAR… Themes for follow up discussion

1. Have you ever been in a situation where you and a parent argued over something that was really important in your life? How did you work it out?
2. Do you think Santiago would still have been successful if he didn’t have other people standing up for him? Who made the greatest difference?
3. Have you ever treated someone badly because they were different than you? OR… Has someone ever treated you badly because you were different? Explain what happened and how it made you feel at the time.
4. Is there someone in your life who is like an extra parent or a special inspiration to you? (like Santi’s grandmother or his manager) What did they do to inspire you? Why do you respect them?
5. Why do you think that soccer doesn’t have as much appeal here in the United States as the rest of the world?